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Meeting Minutes

Permanent School Building Committee

Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Allan Gaudet and David Russell

Thursday, September 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Michael Doyle, Allan Gaudet and David Russell

Staff: Mr. Kilpatrick, Director of School Buildings & Grounds, GPS, Mr. Robarge, Groton Facilities and Fleet Maintenance.

Other: Councilor Frink.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) July 17, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Gaudet to accept the meeting minutes of July 17, 2014. The motion passed 5 - 0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

(a) PSBC Members

Mr. Doyle reported that there would be a public hearing/information session on the possible Merritt property sports field.

Chairman DeMatto reported that there were two vacancies on the Committee and the Republican and Democratic Town Committees are looking for new members. The Committee can help by suggesting members to the two political parties. Looking for apolitical individual with building experience or interested parents.

(b) Staff

Mr. Kilpatrick reported that the Fitch High School roof was completed on time and that the small punch list items were being worked on. The work on the handicap access ramp at Cutler Middle School portable classrooms was completed. The schools opened smoothly. Fitch Middle School maintenance responsibilities were turned over to the Town Public Works Department on September 1st. The building will be turned over to the Town on October 1st.

5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A) BOE Projects

see Staff report above for Fitch Roof Project

B) Town Council Appointed Projects

1) School Facilities Initiative Task Force

Chairman DeMatto introduced the letter (September 10, 2004) from the Superintendent of Schools

to the State of CT Commissioner of Education, Mr. Pryor, regarding the plan to correct racial imbalance in Town. One middle school and consolidating three to four elementary schools into the two existing middle schools. Mr. Doyle and Mr. LaFrance will attend the next meeting of the SFITF.

2) Groton School System Emergency Action Plan Review Committee

No meeting but one should be planned soon. Mr. Kilpatrick will keep Chairman DeMatto informed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kilpartick reported that there was no news on the Fitch High School window leaks because there has been no rain.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman DeMatto started a discussion on how to begin the planning process for building new schools. Lessons learned from the Fitch High School and the two elementary school projects from the PSBC perspective was to hire a construction manager at about the same time that the Architect is selected for the preliminary building plans that fit the education specifications. Chairman DeMatto will contact the Superintendent and the Public Works Director about the process of hiring the architect and the construction manager.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the PSBC is planned for November 6th at 7:00 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.